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1 P R O C E E D I N G S:
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3 MS. COWAN: This will be the
4 deposition of Devon Beazer, taken in the case of
5 Renee Schroeder versus Caleb Gilbert. This
6 deposition will be taken for all purposes under
7 the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, taken
8 pursuant to notice and subpoena served on Mr.
9 Beazer. And I guess reserve all objections
10 except form and responsiveness until first use.

11 MR. FILIPOVITS: Yes, acceptable.

12 MS. COWAN: I'll be asking you a few
13 questions, and I don't know if Mr. Filipovits
14 has some questions as well. Would you please
15 swear in Mr. Beazer.

16 DEVON OSWALD BEAZER,
17 being first duly sworn, was examined and testified as
18 follows:

19 EXAMINATION

20 BY MS. COWAN:

21 Q Thank you, Mr. Beazer, for being here
22 today.

23 A No problem.

24 Q Like I said before we started, I'm Amy
25 Cowan. I represent Officer Caleb Gilbert in this

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1 lawsuit, and I just wanted to ask you a few questions
2 involved in the lawsuit or facts surrounding it, and
3 then we can let you be on your way. I appreciate
4 your taking your time to be here.

5 **A No problem.**

6 Q Like I said before, if you have questions
7 about a question I ask, then please feel free to ask
8 me to clarify. And if you need a break for any
9 reason, please feel free to ask me for a break.

10 **A Sure.**

11 Q Can you state your full name for the
12 record, please.

13 **A Devon Oswald Beazer.**

14 Q So it is Devon. I was pronouncing it
15 Devon.

16 **A Devon. Even my own mother calls me Devon
17 depending upon what stage of my life.**

18 Q Great. I'll try to stick with Mr. Beazer,
19 and I can't mess it up, I guess. What is your date
20 of birth?

21 **A September 22nd, 1988.**

22 Q And how about your current address?

23 **A 5002 Walton Way.**

24 Q Apartment number?

25 **A 5002.**

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1 Q Oh, okay.

2 A Yeah.

3 Q And is that Roswell?

4 A Yes, ma'am.

5 Q Any other address where you stay on a
6 regular basis?

7 A No, ma'am.

8 Q Does anybody live with you at your address?

9 A Yes, ma'am. My mother and my brother.

10 Q What's your mother's name?

11 A Deborah Lucy Albert.

12 Q Can you spell that last name?

13 A A-L-B-E-R-T.

14 THE COURT REPORTER: What was the rest
15 of the name?

16 THE WITNESS: Deborah Lucy Albert.

17 Q L-U-C-Y?

18 A Yes, ma'am.

19 Q Albert?

20 A Yes, ma'am.

21 Q And what's your brother's name?

22 A George Beazer.

23 Q Are those your only relatives in Georgia?

24 A I have an aunt, but I don't really talk to
25 her much. She just moved. And my younger half

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1 sister, Iana Lyte. That's her name.

2 Q How do you spell Iana?

3 A I-A-N-A.

4 Q And what's the last name?

5 A Lyte, L-Y-T-E.

6 Q Was your educational background?

7 A I have an education like vocation in
8 automotive technology.

9 Q And where is that from?

10 A Job Corps.

11 Q And what do you do for a living?

12 A I work at Honda Carland as an automotive
13 technician.

14 Q And is that what you've done primarily
15 since you got your vocational degree in automotive
16 technology?

17 A Yes, ma'am.

18 Q Any other type of work that you've ever
19 done?

20 A No, ma'am.

21 Q When did you first meet Renee Schroeder?

22 A In person or like --

23 Q Well, I do understand from speaking with
24 her that y'all might have met -- did y'all meet on
25 World of Warcraft initially?

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1 A Yes, ma'am.

2 Q When did you first meet her on World of
3 Warcraft?

4 A I think October 2012.

5 Q And how did y'all meet on World of
6 Warcraft? I'm not very familiar with what is
7 involved in World of Warcraft, so if you could
8 enlighten me a little bit.

9 A It's a video game where you play as a
10 character, and you level -- like try to make your
11 character a higher level, and sometimes you pretend
12 to be that character or different stuff. Yeah.

13 Q So how did you meet her on there? Did you
14 have conversations with characters?

15 A Yes. We had a few conversations, we played
16 together. And then we started talking a lot on
17 Ventrilo and I think Skype. And we just -- stuff
18 happened from there. And if I could remember
19 correctly, then we decided to meet up at Dragon Con
20 or something, some sort of convention. And that was
21 from there.

22 Q What's Ventrilo?

23 A Ventrilo is like an audio software that
24 allows you to talk voice with people across the
25 nation. And then we also talked a lot on the cell

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1 phone. Yeah.

2 Q And Ventrilo, is that something you do
3 through the computer?

4 A Yeah.

5 Q Kind of like Skype, but it's just audio?

6 A Uh-huh.

7 Q Okay. What was the year of the Dragon
8 Con that you met up with her at; do you know?

9 A We didn't meet up there. We meet at
10 another convention. We were planning on going to
11 Dragon Con, but the convention we did meet up was at
12 Animazement. Yeah.

13 Q When was that?

14 A I think it was in April. April, yeah.

15 Q Of what year?

16 A 2013.

17 Q So what brought her to Georgia? Did she
18 come to Georgia to stay with you when she came to
19 Georgia?

20 A Yeah.

21 Q And what brought her to Georgia?

22 A She wanted to get a teaching job, if I
23 remember, something that involved English and
24 teaching. And the initial plan was just to come down
25 here for a week, but she said her roommate was making

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1 her feel very uncomfortable, hitting on her,
2 advances, touching her and stuff like that.

3 Q So when was that that she came down to stay
4 with you in Georgia?

5 A I think April or May. Like it was like
6 right after that stuff.

7 Q Right after the Animazement?

8 A Uh-huh.

9 Q Did y'all talk at Animazement about her
10 coming to stay with you?

11 A Yeah, but it was like she was -- prior to
12 that I think about a month she was talking about
13 coming down to Georgia just for a week just to scout
14 the area and see how it was like and stuff like that.
15 And she told me that about this stuff, what was going
16 on.

17 And I'm saying, you know, if you want to
18 come down by me, that's fine. And I think because I
19 was -- you know, we cared about each other, I guess;
20 and she said that -- and you feel like if you're in a
21 bad situation that you should get out of there,
22 whether it be Pennsylvania, back to Pennsylvania,
23 over by me but just -- or back by Bill, her
24 ex-husband, or something, and just get out of there
25 if you feel uncomfortable. And then we talked about

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1 it and eventually decided to come down to Georgia
2 with me. Yeah.

3 Q What did she do while she was staying with
4 you on a daily basis?

5 A We played a lot of video games, I think.
6 She just sat there, read her books, talked to me,
7 helped clean, stuff like that.

8 Q Was she working at all while she was down
9 here?

10 A No, ma'am.

11 Q Did she do anything with regard to pursuing
12 teaching jobs while she was down here?

13 A I remember her taking a teaching test.
14 Yeah. And I had to drop her off to the teaching
15 place where they take -- where they test teachers to
16 see if they could teach or not or something like
17 that. Uh-huh.

18 Q Did you know whether she went on any
19 interviews or anything like that while she was
20 staying with you?

21 A Yeah. Not like any personal interviews,
22 but she just went to go take that test. Yeah.
23 That's about all I remember about that. She just
24 went to go take the test and stuff.

25 Q Do you know if she interviewed with a

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1 school or anything like that?

2 **A** No.

3 **Q** No, she didn't?

4 **A** No.

5 **Q** Did you know her to be under the care of
6 any therapist or a psychologist while she was staying
7 with you?

8 **A** No.

9 **Q** What about before she came down here? Did
10 she tell you about being under the care of a
11 psychologist or a therapist of any kind?

12 **A** No.

13 **Q** Was she taking any medication when she came
14 to live with you?

15 **A** No.

16 **Q** What about while she was staying with you?
17 Did she take any medication that you were aware of?

18 **A** No. I had asked her about something
19 about -- because I know she was holding something for
20 Bill, and I had asked her about that. And I had
21 brought it up a couple of times because me and my
22 brother -- I used to take little of my prescribed
23 medicine to college until my brother said, no, you
24 can go to jail for that and stuff like that. And I
25 had brought that up. And that's about all I know.

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1 Q What were you aware of that she was holding
2 for Bill?

3 A Medicine. That's all I know.

4 Q And was that before the traffic stop?

5 A Yeah.

6 Q And what did she tell you about that
7 medication?

8 A She said it was for something. I think it
9 was -- I can't remember too well. It was for -- I
10 think it was depression or something. I'm not sure.

11 Q Did she show it to you?

12 A No. Like she was -- this was back in North
13 Carolina and part of Georgia the second time I
14 brought it up. She had showed me like stuff in her
15 purse, all her lotions and make-up and like
16 dinosaurs, toys that she had. And that's when I had
17 brought that up.

18 Q So you brought it up the first time in
19 North Carolina?

20 A Not the first time.

21 Q But that's when you saw it the first time?

22 A Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

23 Q And what was your concern about it in North
24 Carolina?

25 A Number one, I've heard about sad stories

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1 about stuff like that. That's why -- you know, I
2 cared about her, so I didn't want to see anything bad
3 like that happen. That was the whole reason I
4 brought it up. And that was like in Georgia when we
5 had moved in together. And that was pretty much it.
6 Yeah.

7 Q And in Georgia why was she showing it to
8 you? Was she just going through her purse again and
9 showed it to you or what?

10 A We were looking for her wallet because I
11 remember one time we had lost her wallet. You know,
12 she was going through her purse and to see if it was
13 in there or something like that.

14 Q And what did she tell you about that
15 medication?

16 A She said it was for Bill or something like
17 that. Yeah. It was for Bill for depression or
18 something, some illness he had or something like
19 that.

20 Q And when you raised a concern about it what
21 was her response to that?

22 A I don't remember too well but -- I just
23 don't remember too well. Like, this is all coming up
24 now again. Yeah.

25 Q I know. I understand it's been a little

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1 while.

2 A Uh-huh.

3 Q What was your relationship with Renee when
4 she first came to live with you in Georgia?

5 A Girlfriend and boyfriend.

6 Q When did you two start dating?

7 A Back in I think March, right after I got
8 out of Job Corps. We had met up and went on a couple
9 of dates.

10 Q March of 2013?

11 A Yeah, uh-huh.

12 Q When did you graduate from Job Corps?

13 A February, end of February.

14 Q February 2013?

15 A Yeah.

16 Q And where did you go on dates? Did you go
17 up to North Carolina?

18 A Yeah, I went up to North Carolina.

19 Q And where did you stay then when you went
20 to North Carolina?

21 A I stayed in the hotel. She stayed over by
22 Shawn.

23 Q And Shawn was who she was living with at
24 the time?

25 A Uh-huh.

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1 Q How long did the two of you date, you and
2 Ms. Schroeder?

3 A Just a few months. That's it.

4 Q When did you break up?

5 A August. August, I think right when that
6 police car incident happened. She said, we're done
7 and she's going back to Pennsylvania. Yeah.

8 Q Was that after she came home from jail or
9 was it --

10 A It was on the spot.

11 Q At the traffic stop?

12 A Uh-huh.

13 Q So that was August of 2013. When did she
14 actually leave and go back to Pennsylvania?

15 A I believe it was August 5th. Yeah, a few
16 days after she was gone.

17 Q When's the last time you spoke with Renee?

18 A I think it was late last year, something
19 like that. I'm not sure. Or maybe even further like
20 mid or late 2013. I'm sorry. I think. Yeah.

21 Q That's okay. You're saying she left in
22 August of 2013?

23 A Uh-huh.

24 Q So when was the next time you spoke with
25 her after she left?

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1 A I don't remember, like not too well. I
2 think back in 2013 or maybe as late as early --

3 Q 2014?

4 A No.

5 Q It would have been 2013?

6 A Uh-huh.

7 Q Around like Christmastime maybe?

8 A No, earlier than that. I think October or
9 not even that. I think like September. Yeah. I'm
10 sorry.

11 Q And that's the last time you spoke with
12 her, you think?

13 A Yeah, I think like over the phone or
14 whatnot.

15 Q And what was the purpose of that
16 communication?

17 A She seemed to be going through a lot, and I
18 was just talking. And then she seemed to be going on
19 and on. And I think that's when I hanged up, and I
20 didn't -- I don't remember too well. Yeah.

21 Q What kinds of things was she going through
22 that she told you about?

23 A She said she had thrown out all her stuff
24 and she felt like a monster, and she said -- I can't
25 remember everything. I can't remember everything.

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1 Q Sure. Why did she throw out all her stuff?

2 Do you know?

3 A She said she had gone through her purse and
4 threw out most of the stuff in her purse after that
5 incident. And she had gone through her room. She
6 felt a monster. That's why she -- and she threw out
7 all her childhood pictures and stuff like that, some
8 stuff like that.

9 Q Do you know why she decided to she needed
10 to a throw out all her childhood pictures? Did she
11 indicate that?

12 A No. And I don't remember that whole
13 conversation.

14 Q And that's the last time that you two
15 spoke?

16 A Yeah, over the phone and whatnot.

17 Q Were you aware that she had filed this
18 lawsuit against Officer Gilbert?

19 A No.

20 Q And do you know Erica? I think it's
21 Andruscavage?

22 A Yeah, I know Erica.

23 Q How do you know Erica?

24 A Initially it started with her coming up to
25 my place and going doing whatever she wanted to do in

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1 **Georgia.** And --

2 Q With Erica coming to your place?

3 A Yeah. We were just going to take Erica
4 sightseeing and stuff like that, I guess. I can't
5 remember too well.

6 Q Do you still speak to Erica?

7 A No.

8 Q Do you know Erica apart from your
9 relationship with Renee or did you know her through
10 Renee?

11 A I knew her through Renee.

12 Q And how long did Erica come to stay with
13 you?

14 A I think it was like four or five days. Not
15 very long. Maybe even like three days.

16 Q Have you spoken to Erica since she left
17 Georgia?

18 A I spoke to Erica like a few times on
19 Facebook. I never really called her or anything like
20 that. I didn't see the point in it.

21 Q What was the communication on Facebook
22 about?

23 A I believe it was I was talking to her on --
24 about Renee and cigarettes, because she smoked a lot,
25 and I told her, you know, look after her and

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1 cigarettes is bad. And this is when I think me and
2 Renee were still talking, and I was like, you know,
3 I'm done. Just look after her, I guess. You know,
4 stuff like that. But then I think we had stopped
5 talking. She had blocked me or something like that.
6 I don't know. Stuff like that, yeah.

7 Q How would you describe Ms. Schroeder's
8 emotional state when she first came to Georgia to
9 stay with you?

10 A She seemed fine. I mean, she was very
11 funny.

12 Q What do you mean by funny?

13 A She made a lot of jokes. And then
14 sometimes she would cry rarely. I mean, not rarely.
15 I mean, all the time. She said she had cried because
16 the dinosaurs had been wiped out because that movie
17 Land Before Time -- it was a kid's movie. She did
18 cry a lot.

19 Q Had y'all just watched the Land Before
20 Time?

21 A No. That was a while. She said she just
22 cried because the dinosaurs had died. It was a crazy
23 conversation, I guess, something that she was talking
24 about.

25 Q I took Ms. Schroeder's deposition on

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1 December the 18th, and she described something to me.
2 I want you to just be able to read her testimony
3 about it, and I just want to know what your thoughts
4 are. If you'll -- I've outlined it in blue here.
5 It's on pages 158 to 160 of her deposition, and it's
6 something that upset her. I don't know what the
7 actual facts are, so I'm hoping you can kind of help
8 me clarify that. Do you see where to start? And
9 these pages go -- this is 158, 159 and 160. So you
10 just read down the page and start back at the top
11 again.

12 A No. I don't really agree with any of that
13 stuff.

14 Q Okay. Just tell me your version of events.
15 She talks about a sexual assault there and --

16 A No, I didn't rape her. And that was one of
17 the things I wanted to talk about.

18 Q Okay.

19 A She's been telling everybody online and all
20 stuff, all her friends that I raped her and I forced
21 her to sleep with him and stuff like that. I didn't
22 do any of that. That was something that I was
23 contacting my lawyer about asking to sleep -- to take
24 a -- about that sleeping incident and talk about a
25 cease and desist letter because that has been going

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1 on for -- what I heard, it's been going on for a
2 while.

3 Q Okay.

4 A But I'm only finding about it not too long
5 ago, like maybe like a few weeks ago or something
6 like that.

7 Q Okay.

8 A Yeah.

9 Q How did you find out about it?

10 A It was through a friend who had informed
11 me.

12 Q And how did your friend -- did they see
13 something online?

14 A Yeah. She said that she'd been telling
15 everybody about that except for me. And they said
16 they wanted to let me know that that was going on and
17 that -- I guess it was to keep it a secret or
18 something like that. And -- but I don't know if they
19 wanted me to know. I noticed people were acting
20 funny. And the whole thing with that is that I
21 didn't do nothing like that. And when I found out I
22 was pretty ticked off. That's when I went -- I
23 talked to my mom about it, and I was going to go see
24 a lawyer.

25 Q Have you spoken to a lawyer?

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1 A Yeah, Brenda Rogers. And then she told me
2 to contact someone up in Pennsylvania and to ask them
3 to write a letter of cease and desist.

4 Q Have you done that yet?

5 A Yeah, I haven't talked to a lawyer in
6 Pennsylvania, but I talked to a lawyer down here.
7 Yeah.

8 Q Okay. When did you talk to a lawyer down
9 here?

10 A This was like about a week ago or something
11 like that, because like I said, I'm not finding out
12 about it right away. But I did hear about it. I
13 talked to my mom about it; and I asked my lawyer
14 to -- you know, I'm going to contact a lawyer up in
15 Pennsylvania and stuff like that.

16 Q She talked a lot about when she came home
17 from jail. Did you and Erica go pick her up in jail,
18 from jail?

19 A Yeah.

20 Q And she talks a lot about -- she says she
21 was just sitting in a corner. Is that what happened
22 when she came home from jail?

23 A No.

24 Q How was she acting when she came home from
25 jail?

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1 A She was on her computer, and she was
2 drinking. Erica was chugging down bottles. She was
3 smoking a lot, and I told her it was okay to smoke
4 inside because she had just got out of jail or
5 whatever.

6 Q Smoking cigarettes?

7 A Uh-huh, smoking cigarettes. I think she
8 was watching like a lot of funny YouTube videos.

9 Q What was her emotional state when she came
10 home from jail?

11 A She seemed to be glad to get out, and she
12 seemed to be reclusive. Now, this is not accurate at
13 all, but --

14 Q Okay. Tell me what happened. Because she
15 talks about someone in -- you meeting somebody at
16 Publix and wanting to --

17 A That was my friend Umesh. Not Umesh.
18 Someone, some Indian guy. And I was talking about I
19 wanted to leave, and I was going to just meet him
20 because he had said to meet him at some time or
21 something like that. But I wasn't like -- I just
22 wanted to leave. Yeah.

23 Q Did you go meet him that night?

24 A No.

25 Q Did this discussion about the only way I'm

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1 not going to go is if you do certain things for me,
2 did that discussion happen?

3 A Not the way she said. She didn't say stop.
4 She didn't -- you know, I just said, I want to leave.
5 But we ended up doing that, but it wasn't like
6 bracing or her or forcing her or anything. No. I
7 don't do that stuff. I'd rather die than do that.
8 But I just wanted to leave, and that was the way she
9 got me to stay and stuff like that.

10 Q Gotcha.

11 A I don't remember one hundred percent, but I
12 wasn't like an alcoholic, drunk or something like
13 that.

14 Q Okay.

15 A Yeah.

16 Q And you said when she came home from jail
17 she was drinking. What was she drinking?

18 A I think a lot of beer. Not really like a
19 lot. But she was drinking beer, and I think she was
20 drinking a little bit of rum. She wasn't drunk or
21 anything like that. I don't think so. I don't know.

22 Q This event, this assault that she
23 describes, when did that happen in relation to when
24 she came home from jail?

25 A I believe it came like a couple of days

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1 after that, two or three days or something like that.

2 Q What had she been like in those two or
3 three days?

4 A She was talking to her mom a lot.

5 Q Okay.

6 A She was trying to get me to come up there
7 with her.

8 Q To where?

9 A To Pennsylvania.

10 Q Okay.

11 A And she seemed kind of -- I don't know.
12 She just seemed kind of happy to like get out of
13 jail, I guess. I'm not sure. I don't really
14 remember too much about how she was like.

15 Q And what was her plan for going back to
16 Pennsylvania? Was she going to drive or fly?

17 A She was going to drive with her mom.

18 Q Was her mom going to come down and get her?

19 A Yeah.

20 Q Okay. And why didn't you end up going
21 there with her?

22 A She said her mom said I couldn't come or
23 something like that can.

24 Q And was she going to go stay with her mom
25 when she moved?

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1 A **Yeah, uh-huh.**

2 Q And I think you told me before she went
3 back to Pennsylvania about August 5th, 2013?

4 A **Back to Pennsylvania?**

5 Q Yes. Was it a few days after you got her
6 from jail?

7 A **A few days, yeah.**

8 Q And she went back to Pennsylvania then; is
9 that right?

10 A **Yeah.**

11 Q Okay. If we could talk about the traffic
12 stop just for a few minutes.

13 A **Sure.**

14 Q I'm wondering, what had you been doing, you
15 and Renee and Erica been doing that day before the
16 traffic stop that evening?

17 A **We were looking for a record store for
18 Erica, and we were -- couldn't find another -- none
19 of the stores were open, so we just decided to head
20 home. I made a U-turn, and there was a -- that's
21 when I noticed that there was sirens behind me. Like
22 not really sirens but, you know --**

23 Q **Lights?**

24 A **The lights were on. So right away I pull
25 over, you know, because I didn't want to stop on the**

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1 highway, so I pulled over at the nearest stop. And
2 that's when we got into the -- some complex. There
3 was stores there, I guess. And that's when the cop
4 car showed up, and they started asking us questions.

5 Q Do you remember the name of the record
6 store you were looking for?

7 A No, not really.

8 Q And had y'all eaten dinner together that
9 night?

10 A Like before that happened?

11 Q Before, yeah, before you were pulled over.

12 A I'm not sure. I think we had eaten
13 somewhere, but I don't think it was dinner. We had
14 stopped somewhere to eat, like a bar or something
15 like that.

16 Q Do you remember where you stopped?

17 A I don't remember.

18 Q And what about shopping of any kind? Had
19 y'all done any shopping?

20 A No. I don't remember. I think she bought
21 a necklace, but I think that was before -- not a
22 necklace, a bracelet. But I think that was before
23 Erica came down or something. I don't know.

24 Q Had y'all been to a book store or anything?
25 Do you remember going to like Barnes & Noble that

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1 night?

2 A Oh, yes, a book store. Yeah, we had
3 stopped at a book store. And now that I think of it,
4 we had stopped at a store for clothing. Erica wanted
5 to stop there, and I think we had stopped there to
6 buy clothing.

7 Q What car were you driving that night?

8 A 2000 Honda Civic.

9 Q And was that your car?

10 A Yes, ma'am.

11 Q And what do you recall about why you were
12 pulled over?

13 A He said that the car was swerving and we
14 were passing things up front, and something else. He
15 could smell weed.

16 Q Okay.

17 A Yeah.

18 Q Do you recall swerving?

19 A No.

20 Q What was being passed back and forth in the
21 car?

22 A I don't know. I didn't see nobody pass
23 anything. I'm just going on what I was seeing. And
24 my eyes were on the mirror and the car, you know,
25 paying attention to the cop car, looking where to

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1 pull over and stuff like that, so I don't know. I
2 didn't see anybody swerving like -- I mean, passing
3 things up front. Who knows. I could be wrong, but I
4 didn't notice anything like that.

5 Q Do you know if Erica passed anything to
6 Renee?

7 A I don't know. I didn't see anything. Like
8 I didn't see them. My eyes weren't on them. I was
9 just trying to pull over because there was a little
10 bit of traffic and stuff like that.

11 Q Gotcha. Did anybody have marijuana on them
12 that night?

13 A No, ma'am.

14 Q Do you know why there would have been a
15 scent of marijuana in the car that night?

16 A No, ma'am. I don't know why.

17 Q Anybody else ever drive your car, your
18 vehicle?

19 A Yeah.

20 Q Who?

21 A My brother.

22 Q Is that George?

23 A George Beazer, yes.

24 Q Do you recall the police officer that
25 pulled you over, do you recall his name?

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1 A Gilbert or something, Gilbert, Gil. He
2 didn't tell me his -- I don't know. I don't know if
3 he told me his name or not. I had called the police
4 office, I think, and they said it was Officer
5 Gilbert. I'm just calling the name when I got this
6 notice.

7 Q Gotcha. When did you call the police
8 office?

9 A I think like a day after the arrest was
10 made, cautious, calling to know when she would get
11 out of jail because I had received calls from her
12 mother and stuff like that.

13 Q Okay. There's a video of the traffic stop,
14 and there's some video of you and Erica and Renee
15 kind of leaning up against the car and talking to
16 each other --

17 A Yeah.

18 Q -- while the police officers were doing
19 various things.

20 A Yeah.

21 Q What were y'all discussing when you were
22 waiting and leaning on the car?

23 A She was saying, thank you, Devon; this is
24 your fault, and stuff like that. And I recall her
25 blaming it on me.

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1 Q And that's Renee?

2 A Uh-huh. And she -- I think it was -- I was
3 just saying, everybody please be calm, like -- that's
4 when I was saying -- even when the sirens went on I
5 said, just be calm, let's just comply and stuff like
6 that.

7 Q Do you recall Ms. Schroeder sending text
8 messages to anyone while she was standing there?

9 A She may have. I don't know. I wasn't
10 paying much attention to that.

11 Q Did she make any phone calls that you were
12 aware of?

13 A While in jail or while pulled over?

14 Q While you were standing next to her.

15 A I don't remember.

16 Q Okay. And then when did she indicate it's
17 over, I'm breaking up with you that night?

18 A Right after she got -- he told her that
19 they found her boyfriend's or her husband's -- you
20 know, his medicine. And when she came back she
21 said -- she said, they just found my ex-husband's
22 medicine, and they said -- she said, you were
23 swerving and thanks, Devon, this is your fault, and
24 blamed it on me, I guess. And that was when she --
25 and then I asked her -- I told her, let's just relax.

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1 And then she said, forget it, we're done; I'm going
2 back to Pennsylvania.

3 Q Ad that's how she broke up with you?

4 A Yeah.

5 Q How did the traffic stop end with respect
6 to you?

7 A He handed me her bracelet, and he said, you
8 guys can go, or something, something telling us to
9 leave or something like that, or you can go or
10 something. I don't remember what exactly was said.

11 Q And did you get a ticket?

12 A No.

13 Q Did you ask the police officer any
14 questions?

15 A I don't remember. I think I said okay or
16 something.

17 Q When you and Erica left the area where you
18 had been stopped, what did you do next?

19 A I was -- I think I said, this is ridiculous
20 or something like that, are you kidding me. And I
21 said, let's just get out of here, something along
22 those lines.

23 Q And where did you go?

24 A We went straight back to my apartment.

25 Q What was the address of that apartment?

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1 A **1206 Cimarron Parkway.**

2 Q Okay. And apparently there was a Stockton
3 Walk in Snellville.

4 A That's my old address. That's probably my
5 address that I have on my driver's license.

6 Q Okay. So when you went back to the
7 Cimarron Parkway apartment did you call anyone on
8 behalf of Renee? What did you and Erica do?

9 A I think we had -- I didn't know any of her
10 family members or anything, and I had -- I think I
11 had driven straight back to -- I had called my mom
12 and Michael, and I told them it was an emergency, and
13 I told them what happened.

14 And Michael said, you know, they were
15 looking for her and stuff, because I had told her
16 about some of the stuff Renee did. And he -- that's
17 when, you know, he got all suspicious and stuff like
18 that.

19 Q Who's Michael?

20 A Michael is my mother's fiance.

21 Q Okay. And he got suspicious about what?

22 A He said they thought the cops were looking
23 for Renee. That's what he said.

24 Q Before y'all got pulled over?

25 A No, after that incident.

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1 Q Oh, okay.

2 A Yeah. He was -- I don't know what was his
3 deal. I guess he must have suspected Renee of
4 something else that was -- I don't know.

5 Q Why would that be?

6 A He was in the military. He was always like
7 a paranoid type of guy and stuff like that. But I
8 don't know. I don't know, because I had told him
9 like how Renee was kind of mean to me at times. And
10 gosh, it's been such a long time. I can't remember
11 everything.

12 But he said something -- they were probably
13 looking for her. He wasn't very nice about it. And
14 my mom was like, you don't know that. And I don't
15 know. I can't remember. My mom was defending Renee
16 along with me. And I can't -- I don't remember all
17 what happened.

18 Q Were you living with your mom and her
19 fiance at the time?

20 A No. I was -- I had my own apartment.

21 Q How was Renee mean to you at times? What
22 was that about?

23 A She like -- for example, when Erica was
24 over and had Netflix set up at the time. So that's
25 when she said some mean stuff. And she started

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1 like -- I don't remember what was said one hundred
2 percent; but she was like, you know, at least Bill
3 would have had, you know, Netflix set up or something
4 like that. She had compared me to Bill a couple of
5 times.

6 And it hurt, but I don't really care about
7 it now. But I think -- you know, because I thought
8 Bill was supposed to be her ex-husband that was
9 abusive. That's what she always said. I mean, I'm
10 not an abusive guy. I don't hit him women and put
11 them down and stuff like that. And that's when it
12 really hurt.

13 Q Was it your understanding Bill had been
14 physically abusive to her?

15 A No, I don't think it was that.

16 Q Was it verbal abuse?

17 A Verbal abuse.

18 Q How did you learn you could go pick up
19 Renee from jail? I understand you and Erica went and
20 picked her up, right?

21 A Yeah, her mother had called me.

22 Q Okay.

23 A Yeah.

24 Q And did her mother ask you to go get her?

25 A Yeah.

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1 Q Do you remember when you picked her up?

2 A No, I don't. It was sometime that
3 afternoon. We waited for her for a few hours, and
4 then I think like an hour or two. I don't remember
5 the whole detail.

6 Q Okay. Did you ever go to any of her court
7 appearances or anything?

8 A No.

9 Q What were her daily activities when she
10 came home from jail for those -- I understand she
11 stayed with you for a few or maybe several more days.
12 What did she do?

13 A She called a lot of her family, I think.
14 She called her mom especially, and then she just
15 stayed on her computer. And she and Erica, when
16 Erica was here they -- they drank a little, like I
17 said and --

18 Q When did Erica leave in relation to when
19 she got out of jail?

20 A I think she left like a day or two after
21 she got out.

22 Q Did they go out and go anywhere?

23 A No. She didn't want to leave the house. I
24 went and got them food.

25 Q Okay. Did you have any conversations

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1 with -- telephone conversations with Officer Gilbert?

2 **A No.**

3 **Q Did you attempt to contact him?**

4 **A Huh-uh.**

5 **Q Did Renee's mother indicate that she had**
6 **had any phone conversations with Officer Gilbert?**

7 **A No, not that I know of. I don't know.**

8 **Q Did you later learn of how things had been**
9 **resolved with regard to the charges against Renee?**

10 **A Yeah. She had contacted me and told me**
11 **that the DA had dismissed the case.**

12 **Q And was that the phone conversation you**
13 **were telling me about where she told you she had**
14 **thrown away some of her things or was that a separate**
15 **conversation?**

16 **A Yeah, that was a separate conversation.**
17 **And that was before the district attorney I think --**
18 **the district attorney is DA?**

19 **Q Uh-huh.**

20 **A Yeah. That was before the charges were**
21 **dropped. Uh-huh.**

22 **Q So you did speak to her after that**
23 **conversation?**

24 **A Yeah.**

25 **Q Any other conversations other than the one**

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1 where she told you she was throwing some things away
2 and the conversation with her about having the
3 charges dropped? Did y'all have any other
4 conversations?

5 A Well, I mean, we had talked a little after
6 that but not much. And there was some World of
7 Warcraft related stuff, but that's just petty. The
8 video game.

9 Q Do you still play World of Warcraft with
10 Renee?

11 A No, huh-uh.

12 Q Have you blocked her or has she blocked
13 you? I don't even know if you can do that on World
14 of Warcraft.

15 A I blocked her on Facebook. She ignored me,
16 and that's when I said, no, I'm not going to talk to
17 her anymore. Because like once somebody ignores you,
18 that's against the terms of service to contact them.
19 And at that point I don't want anything to do with
20 that. Like I didn't want anything to do with her.
21 and I didn't want to talk to her after that. Like
22 she ignored me, so I'm not going to persist.

23 Q She ignored you on Facebook?

24 A No, on World of Warcraft. So at that point
25 I said, no, I'm not going to talk to -- I don't want

1 to do any of that stuff.

2 Q When did she ignore you on World of
3 Warcraft?

4 A I can't remember. I think it was like --

5 Q Was it recent or was it closer to the time
6 that she left your apartment?

7 A In between. Not recent. I think it was
8 2013-ish. Yeah, it was a while back.

9 MS. COWAN: I think that's all the
10 questions I have. Jeff, do you have anything to
11 talk to him about?

12 MR. FILIPOVITS: Yeah.

13 EXAMINATION

14 BY MR. FILIPOVITS:

15 Q Do you remember the moment that the officer
16 turned on his lights? Do you remember where you were
17 driving?

18 A Yeah.

19 Q Okay. You said you had just made a U-turn;
20 is that right?

21 A Yeah, I had just made a U-turn.

22 Q Okay. How soon after the U-turn did he
23 turn on his lights?

24 A Probably a good two minutes, because I
25 noticed the officer behind me, and I would say like a

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1 good two or three minutes he was following us or
2 something. I don't know.

3 Q Okay. During these two or three minutes
4 you knew the whole time that the officer was behind
5 you?

6 A No, because like right after I made the
7 U-turn I thought everything was going to be clear,
8 and then I noticed -- I think I saw the officer in my
9 rear-view mirror, I think. I --

10 Q Okay.

11 A Yeah.

12 Q Do you recall changing lanes during that
13 time, during those two or three minutes?

14 A No. I just went straight, I believe. I
15 think so. I don't know. Like I don't remember
16 exactly what my driving patterns is.

17 Q When you were pulled over can you tell me
18 where Renee's purse was in the car?

19 A I don't know.

20 Q It was in the front seat though? Can you
21 say that much?

22 A I don't know.

23 Q Okay. She took her purse with her from --
24 well, she had her purse with her that evening, right?

25 A Yeah.

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1 Q And she took it into the stores you guys
2 went into?

3 A To the what?

4 Q Did she take it into the stores you guys
5 went into?

6 A I don't remember. I'm sorry.

7 Q That's all right.

8 MR. FILIPOVITS: That's all I've got.

9 THE WITNESS: Okay.

10 MS. COWAN: That's all. Thank you.

11 (Off-the-record discussion.)

12 MS. COWAN: Mr. Beazer, you have the
13 ability to read your deposition and sign it.
14 And you don't have to do that, but you can. And
15 what the benefit of the having the signature is
16 is that you can read it, and if there's like an
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19 THE WITNESS: Yeah.

20 MS. COWAN: So do you want to read it
21 and sign it and get it back to court reporter or
22 are you okay with just having her prepare it and
23 seal it?

24 THE WITNESS: I would rather read it
25 and sign it.

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1 MS. COWAN: Okay. Thank you.

2 (Deposition concluded at approximately 11:10 a.m.)

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